

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims presented in this patent application appears below. This listing replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in this patent application.

Claims 1-36 (canceled).

Claim 37 (withdrawn): A method of cleansing and conditioning the skin of the hands, face, heels/ knees/ elbows and/or the body of human being that comprises the steps of (I) applying the cosmetic composition of Claim 10 to the area of the body to be conditioned; (II) massaging said composition into the skin of said area with the hands; (III) rinsing the composition from the treated skin with clear, tepid water, and (IV) drying said treated area by patting with a towel, said method being effective to deposit a film of emollient material on the skin, thereby cleansing, smoothing, softening and moisturizing said skin.

Claims 38-43 (canceled).

Claim 44 (previously presented): A cosmetic exfoliating composition which is stable and which does not leave a greasy or tacky after-feel when said composition is applied to and rinsed from skin with water and the skin is dried, said composition comprising:

(A) an emollient material consisting essentially of :

(i) 35% to 60% by weight of the composition at least one emollient oil selected from the group consisting of animal oils, vegetable or plant derived oils, hydrocarbon oils, silicone oils and mixtures thereof; and

(ii) 0% to 5 % by weight of the composition of at least one emollient hydrophobic compound selected from the group consisting of C12-C18 fatty acyl or alkyl group esters, C12-C18 fatty acids, C12-C18 fatty alcohols, C12-C18 fatty esters, an emollient extract, and an emollient wax;

(B) a calcium or magnesium salt of a C14-C18 monocarboxylic acid wherein the weight ratio of emollient material to said monocarboxylic acid salt is in the range of 4:1 to 2.5:1, said proportion being adequate to produce a composition in the form of a stable, extrudable paste or cream;

(C) 10% to 45% by weight of a non-irritating, mildly abrasive, skin compatible, particulate material that is effective to cleanse and lubricate the skin without abrading the skin, said particulate material including a mixture of 8% to 20% by weight of a starch material selected from the group consisting of starches and enzyme or acid hydrolyzed starches with another particulate material selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride, pumice, talc and vegetable flour;

(D) 0.4% to 8.0% by weight of a surface active agent to form a stable composition and to leave a thin film of emollient material on the skin, which is effective to soften, smooth and moisturize the treated skin without a greasy or tacky after-feel when the composition is removed from the skin by rinsing it with water and the skin is dried; and

(E) 0%-4% by weight of water.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 44, wherein the amount of water in the composition is 0%-1% by weight.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 or 45, wherein said C14 - C18 monocarboxylic acid salt is calcium stearate.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 or 45, wherein the surface active agent is an anionic surfactant.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The composition according to Claim 47, wherein said anionic surfactant is sodium cocoyl N-methyl taurate.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is sodium chloride and the amount of surface active agent is 0.4%-3.0% by weight for hand buffing with said composition.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is sodium chloride and the amount of surface active agent is 0.4%-2.0% by weight for hand buffing with said composition.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is sodium chloride and the amount of surface active agent is 0.4%-1.3% by weight for hand buffing with said composition.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is pumice and the amount of surface active agent is 2.0%-8.0% by weight for buffing heels, knees and elbows with said composition.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is pumice and the amount of surface active agent is 3.0%-7.0% by weight for buffing heels, knees and elbows with said composition.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is pumice and the amount of surface active agent is 3.0%-6.0% by weight for buffing heels, knees and elbows with said composition.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is pumice and the amount of surface active agent is 2.0%-8.0% by weight for buffing face and body with said composition.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is pumice and the amount of surface active agent is 2.0%-7.0% by weight for buffing face and body with said composition.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The composition according to Claims 44 and 45, wherein the particulate material is pumice and the amount of surface active agent is 2.0%-6.0% by weight for buffing face and body with said composition.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The composition according to Claim 44, wherein the emollient oil is a macadamia seed oil and rice bran oil; the fatty acyl or alkyl group esters are isopropyl myristate, sucrose distearate, and caprylic/capric triglyceride; the fatty alcohol is cetyl alcohol; the fatty acid is stearic acid; the emollient extract is Shea butter; the emollient is emulsifying wax; the surface active agent is sodium cocoyl N-methyl taurate; the water-insoluble monocarboxylic acid salt is calcium stearate; the particulate material is pumice; and the composition contains 0%-1% by weight water.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The composition according to Claim 44, wherein the emollient oil is a macadamia seed oil; the fatty acyl or alkyl group esters are isopropyl myristate, sucrose distearate, and caprylic/capric triglyceride; the fatty alcohol is cetyl alcohol; the fatty acid is stearic acid; the emollient extract is Shea butter; the emollient is emulsifying wax; the surface active agents are sodium cocoyl N-methyl taurate and potassium stearate; the water-insoluble monocarboxylic acid salt is calcium stearate; the particulate material is a mixture of sodium chloride and oat kernel flour; and the composition contains 0%-1% by weight water.